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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Phadnis *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/785,884

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For: Aggregation Devices Processing  
Keep-alive Messages of  
Point-to-point Sessions

Art Unit: 2152

Examiner: Lesniewski, Victor D

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**Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111**

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Sir:

This response is submitted accompanying the request for continued examination (RCE) and is also in response to the Final Office Action mailed 06/27/2005 and further to the telephone interview of November 30 2005 with Examiner Lesniewski. Applicants and the undersigned representative first thank the Examiner for the telephone interview.

**Listing** of claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin at page number 16 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No.: 20-0674.